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Stockholm, July 13. *N. S.*

THE Circular Letters for Summoning the States of the Kingdom to meet here, are not yet ſent to the ſeveral Provinces, and it is now believ'd that Deſign will be wholly laid aſide. Some Days ago the Senate came to a Reſolution to impoſe a general Poll-Tax, to be paid in Two Months, by which they propoſe to raiſe a Sum of above Five hundred thouſand Crowns. A Squadron of Seven or Eight Men of War is fitting out, in order to convoy ſome Tranſport-Ships that are lading with Proviſions and Ammunition for the Garriſons of Stralſund and Wiſmar. That of Stetin is thought to be already provided for Four Months. The Senate have lately receiv'd an Expreſs from General Meyerfeldt, Governor of that Place, acquainting them with ſome Propoſals that had been made to him for giving it up to the King of Pruſſia. To which he had return'd anſwer, That the King his Maſter having placed ſo great Confidence in him, as to entruſt him with the Government of a Town of ſuch Importance, he would ſuffer himſelf to be reduced to the laſt Extremity, before he would Surrender it to any other Power, without an expreſs Order under his Majeſty's own Hand. The Senate ſent him word by the ſame Expreſs, That they approve of his Conduct extremely, and applaud his Zeal for the King's Service, aſſuring him that in caſe he ſhould be attack'd, they will employ their utmoſt Endeavours to ſuccour him. The laſt Letters from Finland bring an account, that the Muſcovites were advanced no further than Borgo, and the Swedes lay obſerving them at Helſingfort. Our Squadron there hath been lately reinforced by Four Men of War of Fifty Guns each, and we now think our ſelves ſecure at Sea. But as we have receiv'd Intelligence that the Czar is ſtill making great Preparations at Wybourg, and Petersbourg, and ſeveral Regiments of Horſe have lately join'd his Army at Borgo, we are in ſome pain for our Land Forces, which conſiſt of no more than Seven thouſand Men, whereas thoſe of the Enemy are ſaid to amount at leaſt to Twenty thouſand.

Warſaw, July 26. *N. S.* We have received Advice from Petersbourg, that the Czar intended to ſet out from thence in a few Days with a conſiderable Number of Troops, in order to make an entire Conqueſt of Finland. Letters from our Ambaſſador at the Ottoman Port bring an Account, that on the 24th paſt a Treaty of Peace was concluded between the Turks and Muſcovites, upon which great Rejoicings had been made at Adrianople, and Sixty Days were allow'd for the Czar's Ratification. Nothing having been ſtipulated for the King of Sweden, it was believed his Majeſty would go by Sea to Marſeilles, when he found no reaſon to hope for Aſſiſtance from the Grand Signior; but he had not declar'd what Reſolution he would take, when thoſe Advices came away.

Genoa, July 29. *N. S.* The Imperial Troops, that arrived here ſome time ago from Barcelona on Board the Britiſh Squadron, are upon their March through the Milaneſe towards Germany. The Catalans continue Obſtinate in their Reſolution to reſiſt his Catholick Majeſty, againſt whom they have declared War, as they have likewiſe done againſt France; and it is ſaid they have already formed a Body of Five thouſand Horſe. The Duke of Savoy having received the Treaty with Spain, by which Sicily is to be delivered to him, intends, within a Month, to embark on Board Her Majeſty's Ships with a ſufficient Number of Troops to take Poſſeſſion of that Kingdom.

Berlin, Auguſt 5. *N. S.* The Miniſters of the Northern Princes have been very Importunate with his Majeſty to engage in the War, and it is ſaid he reſolves to continue at Potſdam ſome time longer than he had at firſt intended, to avoid the preſſing Inſtances they make him. Count Schonborn is lately arrived here with a Commiſſion from the Emperor, relating to thoſe Affairs. Prince Menzikoff went from hence ſome Days ago, in order to return from Pomerania, where the Muſcovite Troops are to Quarter next Winter. They have taken Poſſeſſion of the Iſle of Rugen, and have block'd up Stralſund and Stetin, but they have not yet made any formal Attack upon them, for want of Artillery and Ammunition.

Whitehall, Auguſt 14. Her Majeſty hath been pleaſed to appoint Thomas Foley, Eſq; to be One of the Auditors of the Impreſt-Accounts.

For the better Notification of the Rules and Inſtructions ſigned by the moſt Hon. the Lord High Treaſurer on the 25th of March laſt, concerning the Payments to be made on the Claſſes and Lottery Orders, the ſame are here inſerted as followeth, viz.

Orders and Inſtructions to be obſerved by the Comptrollers and Paymaſters of the ſeveral Offices, for Payment of the Lottery and Claſs Orders.

I. *THAT the ſaid Comptrollers and Paymaſters are to give Attendance by themſelves or their reſpective Clerks (for whom they are anſwerable) in their reſpective Offices, at leaſt from Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon till One of the Clock in the Afternoon, from Michaelmas to Lady-day, and from Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon till One of the Clock in the Afternoon, from Lady day to Michaelmas in every Year, Sundays and Holidays only excepted.*

II. *That the Comptrollers, who are to direct the Payments upon the Orders, are hereby required, by themſelves, or their reſpective Clerks, for whom they are anſwerable, to take in the ſaid Orders as they ſhall be brought to their reſpective Offices from time to time between the aforeſaid Hours of Attendance (and not otherwiſe.)*

III. *To the end the Comptrollers may have a proper time to direct the Payments on the ſaid Orders, it is hereby directed, That no Payment ſhall be made upon any Order the ſame Day it is delivered into their reſpective Offices.*

IV. *For avoiding any undue Preference in directing the Orders, or making the Payments thereupon, it is hereby*